

**Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A cosmetic containing a powder comprising a base material, and a metal film and a metal oxide film formed in this order on said base material, wherein said powder has said metal oxide film attached thereon in an amount in a range of 0.1 to 30 wt% in terms of weight before formation of said metal oxide film.

2. (Original) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 1, wherein said metal film of said powder has as a principal component thereof at least one metal selected from the group consisting of silver, gold, platinum, palladium, nickel, copper, chromium, molybdenum, tin, magnesium, aluminum, and hastelloy.

3. (Previously presented) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base material of said powder comprises glass flakes having a mean thickness in a range of 0.5 to 8.0  $\mu\text{m}$  and a mean particle diameter in a range of 5 to 1,000  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (Original) A cosmetic as claimed in any one of claims 1 through 3, wherein said metal oxide film of said powder has as a principal component thereof at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, zirconia, zinc oxide, and cerium oxide.

5. Canceled.

6. (Previously presented) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 2, wherein said base material of said powder comprises glass flakes having a mean thickness in a range of 0.5 to 8.0  $\mu\text{m}$  and a mean particle diameter in a range of 5 to 1,000  $\mu\text{m}$ .

7. (Previously presented) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 3, wherein said metal oxide film of said powder has as a principal component thereof at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, zirconia, zinc oxide, and cerium oxide.

8. (Previously presented) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 6, wherein said metal oxide film of said powder has as a principal component thereof at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, zirconia, zinc oxide, and cerium oxide.